

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE
CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

Thursday, April 12, 2012

Department of Health Professions

Henrico, VA

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Mackler called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stuart Mackler, MD, Chair
Irina Farquhar, Ph.D.
Gopinath Jadhav, MD

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director
Colanthia Morton Opher, Acting Deputy Executive Director, Licensing
J. Fielding Yelverton, Adjudication Specialist, APD

Dr. Mackler provided the emergency egress instructions prior to proceeding with the informal conference.

INFORMAL CONFERENCE

Henry Joseph VanPala, MD

Henry Joseph VanPala, MD appeared before the Committee to respond to its inquiry regarding the possible refusal to issue a license to practice medicine pursuant to Virginia Code Sections 54.1-2915.A (4); (10); (20), and 54.1-2915.A (1) and (16).

Upon conclusion of the hearing with Dr. VanPala, Dr. Mackler entertained a motion for executive session. Dr. Jadhav moved to convene a closed meeting pursuant to section 2.2-3711 A. (28) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Dr. VanPala. Additionally, he moved that William Harp, MD, Colanthia Morton Opher, and Fielding Yelverton, AAS attend the closed meeting because their presence is deemed necessary and will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried.

Upon motion made, seconded and carried, the Committee returned to open session following the procedure for certification of an executive meeting pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3712.

Dr. Farquhar moved to grant Dr. VanPala a full license when he demonstrates that he has engaged a proctor in a practice setting acceptable to the Board. Dr. VanPala's practice must be proctored for no less than 12 months, and he must ensure that quarterly reports on his progress are submitted to the Board by his proctoring physician. Dr. VanPala must submit the name of a proctor and a plan within 90 days,

or his license shall be denied. The motion was seconded and carried.

Stuart Mackler, M.D.
Chair

William L. Harp, M.D.
Executive Director

Colanthia M. Opher
Acting Deputy Executive Director, Licensing